



## Mary C. Neel

July 22, 1932 - December 14, 2020

Mary C. (Snyder) Neel, 88, of Bunner Ridge Community, passed away at United Hospital Center on December 14, 2020, surrounded by her loving family. She was born in Marion County, WV on July 22, 1932; the daughter of the late Charles Snyder and Cassie (VanGilder) Snyder.

Mary graduated from East Fairmont High School class of 1950. She worked at Westinghouse through high school and until 1953. Mary married her high school sweetheart, Lawrence, and they celebrated 70 years of marriage in September. Mary was a Christian by faith and enjoyed raising her five children. She loved spending time with her grandchildren, sewing, bridge club, bowling and playing golf.

Mary is survived by her husband, Lawrence L. Neel; her sons, Charles Neel, and Bryan Neel, both of Fairmont; her daughter, Sharon Oltman and husband, Dennis of Fairmont; daughter-in-law, Janet Neel of Delaware; her brother-in-law, Rex Lake of Fairmont; Sisters-in-law, Marilyn Rush of Fairmont, Velda Musgrove and her husband, Ray of Fairmont; her niece, Kathy Hayhurst of Parkersburg; her grandchildren, Zachary, Kelly and her wife Laura, Catherine, Cassie and Caitlin; her great-granddaughter, Catie Mae; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Mary was preceded in death by her son, David Neel; her daughter, Linda Neel; her sisters, Janice Lake and Edith Hayhurst; along with her brothers-in-law, Paul Hayhurst, Edward Neel and wife, Bernice, Dennie Sanders and his wife, Okareda, Marlin Murphy and his wife, Evelyn, and Jack Rush, Sr.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 5455 N. High Street, Columbus, Ohio 43214 or the American Cancer Society, 1222 S. High Street, Morgantown, WV 26501.

Due to the COVID-19 Virus, a graveside service will be held at Mt. Zion Cemetery on Saturday, December 19, 2020 at 3:00 PM with Pastor Jim Zinn, officiating.

Condolences and memories may be shared with the family online at <http://www.carpenterandford.com>.

# Cemetery

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## Mt. Zion Cemetery

Mount Zion Road  
Fairmont, WV, 26554

# Events

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## DEC Service

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Mount Zion Road, Fairmont, WV, US, 26554

# Comments

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“ I remember Mrs. Neel would help me out when schools were closed and babysit for Alex with Zach and Kelly. Laura wore some of the beautiful dresses with smocking that she made. She had a big heart and was everyone’s “Granny.” Such a sweet lady.

**Christina Mayhew** - December 19, 2020 at 08:07 PM

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“ You are all in our thoughts and prayers.



**Traxlers** - December 19, 2020 at 12:34 PM

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“ Diania Nutter sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary C. Neel



**Diania Nutter** - December 17, 2020 at 09:40 PM

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“ Mary is a very sweet lady.. I feel honored to have known her and the Neel family.. Love her very much. (Diania Nutter) Caregiver at Golden Harvest



**Diania Nutter** - December 17, 2020 at 09:35 PM

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“ Krista Fredericksen lit a candle in memory of Mary C. Neel



**Krista Fredericksen** - December 16, 2020 at 10:50 AM



“ Mary always loved the color pink

**Krista Fredericksen** - December 16, 2020 at 10:51 AM

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“ Aunt Mary had a very kind, loving spirit...she was genuine in her caring nature. Uncle Lawrence, Charles, Brian and Sharon....my heart is with you. But the glorious reunion she had upon entering Heaven...I can't even imagine....her parents, sisters, David, Linda, Kenny, Chris, Kevin, all who loved her. She was an Angel on Earth, she is walking on gold now..

**Lisa Musgrove-Treadway** - December 16, 2020 at 03:37 AM

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“ To all the family,

Mary was an amazing woman. Her kindness and compassion for others was always present. She always had the right words and she was always understanding when my words would be awkward or confusing. I have been fortunate to always have wonderful neighbors and I count Mary as one of the best. She will be missed and remembered with love always.

Love,  
Della Huffman

**Della Huffman** - December 16, 2020 at 02:34 AM

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“ My heart is heavy with sadness. Aunt Mary will be missed. I will remember our many phone conversations and encourage she always gave me. Praying for your family.

**Shirley Robbins** - December 15, 2020 at 11:33 PM

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“ Prayers go out to the family from my family some great memories from Aunt Mary's house as a kid great memories from West Virginia love you all and miss you

**Gary Murphy** - December 15, 2020 at 09:58 PM

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“ Aunt Mary, you were the best aunt ever! I have the best memories of time spent with you over the years.

When we were kids we came to Baltimore about once a month and the days leading up to our visit were like waiting for Christmas. There was never a bad time at Aunt Mary's. My parents, 3 brothers and I would travel from WV and arrive at Aunt Mary's anytime between midnight and 2:00 AM. She would be right there at the door to greet us as the 4 kids unloaded. She always had Dunkin Donuts waiting with all of our favorites and even at 2:00 AM the word “no” was never in her vocabulary. The rest of the weekend, with 9 kids (her 5 and our 4) running around, Aunt Mary always created nonstop fun. Her house was like a candy store and toy store all in one. I was always sure that Aunt Mary had every kid's cereal that the grocery store carried. If you wanted pancakes at 3:00 in the afternoon – no problem – Aunt Mary had a griddle at the ready and never any hesitation. We played games, went sled riding, played “kick the can” and hide and seek in the dark!

As I grew into my late teens I never outgrew Aunt Mary's house. I wanted to take all my friends there and many times I did. I took many weekend trips to Aunt Mary's and always went home with great memories that have lasted forever.

When my mom passed a few years ago Aunt Mary called me often in the months that followed. She would check on me to see how I was doing. She reminded me so much of my mom that it made me feel like Mom was right there with her arms around me. Aunt Mary always said “I miss my sisters dearly but Terry, no one can ever take away our memories”. We would tell stories and laugh and cry but when I hung up I always felt refreshed. I know Aunt Mary was magic!

In recent times when she had her fall, I visited her at the nursing home and again we told stories and laughed and cried. I hope I refreshed her even a little that day with our story telling and I hope she knows how much I have loved her and the impression she made on my life over the years.

Aunt Mary, I will continue to tell our stories and remember you with such fond memories. I love you....Terry Lake Thomas

**Terry Lake Thomas** - December 15, 2020 at 04:26 PM



“ Beautiful

**Gary** - December 15, 2020 at 09:47 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this most difficult time. Marion County Senior Citizens.

**Vicki Nichols** - December 15, 2020 at 03:44 PM